

MARCHING ON COLON.

Liberal Force Retreating Before the Advance of Gen. Alban.

Trains That Left Colon Tuesday Afternoon For Panama With the Marines From Battleship Iowa Arrived Safely.

Colon, Nov. 26.—An armed guard of marines from the United States battleship Iowa has re-established the transit across the isthmus, and details of the Iowa's marines are now protecting each passenger train.

There has been fierce fighting at Empire station on the railroad line between Panama and Colon between the insurgents and the troops of the Colombian government, with very heavy losses on both sides.

Washington, Nov. 26.—It is pretty well understood here that there is to be no bombardment of Colon by either side. While Com. McCrea was given wide discretionary power, and nothing was said to him about stopping the bombardment directly, nevertheless the state department established a precedent in these matters last year when it instructed Mr. Gudgey to warn some insurgents at Panama that they would not be allowed to bombard that port.

The secretary of the navy Monday cabled Capt. Perry, of the Iowa, to assume full command of all the United States naval forces on both sides of the isthmus, in order to insure harmonious operations. Consul General Gudgey's last dispatch, which came after 1 o'clock, was about as follows: "Our troops have arrived at Matichin, one half of the way across the isthmus. No obstruction, and Colombian government seemed to be victorious over the insurgents."

Colon, Colombia, Nov. 27.—The overdue passenger train with a marine guard on board has arrived here at 4:40 p. m. The train brings news to the effect that Gen. Alban, with about 300 government troops, has crossed Barbacoa bridge, and is continuing his march to Colon. He is now at Taverilla, where he is resting. The liberal forces continue to retreat before him. They explain their retreat by saying they have no ammunition. All of the fighting Tuesday occurred at Barbacoa bridge. Passengers by the delayed train assert that full 100 conservatives were killed and wounded during the fighting there, and that the liberal losses were insignificant. The liberals are now approaching Gatun station, about five miles from Colon, and it is believed a decisive engagement will probably be fought Tuesday night or Wednesday morning at Monkey Hill cemetery, distant one mile from the limits of Colon.

Colon, Nov. 27.—The trains which left here Tuesday afternoon for Panama with the Iowa marines and the passengers from the steamer Orizaba were delayed in transit, but reached Panama safely.

Reports current here Tuesday afternoon that Gen. Binzon had bombarded Portobello have been found, upon investigation, to be unreliable and not authentic.

Washington, Nov. 27.—A cablegram was received at the navy department just at the close of business Tuesday afternoon from Commander McCrea, of the Machias, at Colon, announcing that the Colombian government gunboat Gen. Pinzon, which left Colon for the east Monday, had returned.

A brief dispatch came to the navy department Tuesday evening from Capt. Perry, of the Iowa, now at Panama. The captain simply stated that he was in communication with Commander Delano, of the gunboat Marietta, stationed on the Colon side of the isthmus, which fact leads the authorities to believe that telegraph connection between the two places continues uninterrupted.

THE FIELD ARTILLERY.

A Scheme For the Instruction, Examination and Classification of Gunners in the Service.

Washington, Nov. 26.—A general order just issued by the war department sets out a scheme for the instruction, examination and classification of gunners of the field artillery. The object of the examination is to ascertain in each battery "the qualified gunners by their absolute and relative excellence in comprehending and mastering the prescribed instruction."

The dates of the examinations are to be set by the various department commanders, but are to take place as soon after the annual target practice as is practicable. Enlisted men who obtain an average of 85 per cent. in the examinations will be classed as first class gunners, and those who obtain an average of 65 per cent. as second class gunners.

Queen Wilhelmina Has Recovered.

The Hague, Nov. 27.—An official bulletin issued Tuesday says Queen Wilhelmina has recovered from her recent illness, and will be able to go out in a few days.

The Tariff on Beet Sugar.

Bay City, Mich., Nov. 26.—A meeting of the beet sugar manufacturers of Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin and Minnesota will be held in this city Tuesday to take steps towards formulating a plan of action with regard to the efforts being made to abolish the tariff on sugar imposed by the Dingley law.

Sentenced to Prison For Life.

Milan, Nov. 26.—Louis Grannotti, an accomplice of Bresci, the assassin of King Humbert, was Monday sentenced to life imprisonment at the Assizes. Grannotti has not yet been captured.

THE BRAVE LIFE SAVERS.

The Cost of Maintaining the Service During the Past Year Was Only \$1,640,013.74.

Washington, Nov. 27.—The annual report of the general superintendent of the life saving service for the year 1901 shows the smallest loss of life from documented vessels suffering disaster since general extension of the service, and also with respect to vessels of all classes, including the undocumented, with the exception of the years 1830, 1882, 1885 and 1888. The average number of lives lost annually during the entire period, 25 years, was 37, one life having been lost in every 13 casualties, while the number lost during the past year was 17, or one in every 43 casualties. From documented vessels alone the number of lost was only 7—1 to every 54 casualties. The number of casualties to documented vessels was 377. There were on board these vessels 2,549 persons. The estimate value of the vessels involved in disaster was \$5,263,420, and of their cargoes \$2,090,580. Of this amount \$6,403,035 were saved and \$948,965 lost. The number of vessels totally lost was 43.

In addition to the foregoing there were during the year 393 casualties to small craft, undocumented, on board of which were 927 persons, of whom 10 were lost. The crews saved, or assisted to save, 422 vessels, valued, with their cargoes, at \$3,139,010, and rendered assistance of minor importance to 543 other vessels in distress, besides warning from danger 231 vessels. The cost of the maintenance of the service was \$1,640,013.74.

The general superintendent again urgently calls attention to the inadequate compensation of district superintendents, whom he believes to be the poorest paid officers under the government, considering the serious and exacting nature of their duties and the extent of their fiscal responsibilities. Their salaries range from \$1,500 to \$1,800 per annum, and they are required to furnish bonds ranging from \$10,000 to \$50,000 in amount. He recommends that their pay be raised to \$2,500 a year.

CHARLESTON EXPOSITION.

The President Will Press the Button Setting the Machinery in Motion Next Monday Afternoon.

Washington, Nov. 27.—Arrangements have been made for the opening of the South Carolina Interstate and West Indian exposition by the president next Monday. At the conclusion of the address of Senator Depew in Charleston, messages of greeting and felicitation will pass between the president and the managers of the exposition, and at 2:30 o'clock the president will press the button which will set the machinery of the exposition in motion. The South Carolina delegation in congress and several prominent government officials will be present at the ceremony in the white house.

THE RANSOM QUESTION.

The Brigands Will Await the Disappearance of Snow Before Resuming the Negotiations.

Sofia, Bulgaria, Nov. 27.—The brigands are determined to wait until the disappearance of the snow permits them freedom of movement before resuming negotiations for the release of Miss Ellen M. Stone, the American missionary, and Mme. Tsilka, her companion. The impression which prevails among the best informed people here is that Mr. Dickinson's departure for Constantinople increases the difficulty of gaining the confidence of the brigands and expediting a settlement of the ransom question.

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS.

They Will Ask Congress to Have Some of the Warships Constructed at Government Navy Yards.

Washington, Nov. 27.—There is a systematic and well organized movement among the labor organizations of the country looking to legislation at the coming session of congress for the construction at government navy yards of some of the warships authorized by congress. The secretary of the navy is being overwhelmed with petitions and resolutions of labor unions along this line.

Lead a Double Life.

New York, Nov. 27.—Jos. Goldman, of Brooklyn, convicted of burglary, was sentenced Tuesday to imprisonment for not less than three years ten months nor longer than five years. The trial of Goldman showed that he lived a double life and that away from business, church and family he led a band of crooks and planned their burglarious operations.

Irish Patriot Dead.

Chicago, Nov. 27.—Martin Hogan, the Irish patriot, died Tuesday, aged 33 years. Hogan, together with others interested in the Fenian movement, was convicted of treason in 1866 and transported to the English penal colony in Australia.

Yale's Football Receipts.

New Haven, Ct., Nov. 27.—Yale's receipts for the football season, it is announced, are likely to prove the largest ever taken in. From the games with Harvard and Princeton about \$50,000 was realized. Receipts from the minor games will bring the total up to about \$70,000.

German Naval Estimates.

Berlin, Nov. 27.—The Bundesrath Tuesday adopted the navy estimates for 1902 aggregating 209,000,000 marks, which is 3,400,000 marks less than the budget committee's estimate.

U. S. MARINE BAND.

Famous Musical Organization Had Small Beginning.

Francis Scala, an Italian Musician of Note, Was Its Founder, and Sousa Added to Its Great Repertory.

[Special Washington Letter.]

CHARLES EGAN, born in Ireland, now grizzled and gray, served as cornetist in her majesty's service, came to this country near his majority, and was band master of the Second infantry during the civil war. For several years he has been a clerk in the surgeon general's office, but still he revels in memories of his musical days.

"John Philip Sousa's father was a tuba player in the Marine band," says Mr. Egan, "and the boy heard nothing but music at home and music at the barracks. His mother was also a musician, a vocalist, and young Sousa was a born musician. I have watched his development with considerable interest and a degree of pride, for I was one of his instructors for awhile. He was always a good boy and always ambitious."

"In those days I also knew Francis Scala. I suppose that you never heard of him, did you? Well, he was the leader of the Marine band before the civil war, and for some time afterwards. Sousa's father played in the band under Scala's leadership, and the present popular Sousa took many a lesson from Scala, who was in his day celebrated as a composer as well as a band leader. He was born in Italy and enlisted in our navy as a third-class musician while the old frigate Brandywine was in the bay of Naples, about 20 years before our civil war. Within a month after his enlistment he was playing the clarinet solos, and inside of a year he was bandmaster of the frigate."

"Francis Scala used to be called the founder of the Marine band, and I believe that he is entitled to that distinction. When he arrived in this country in 1842 he enlisted in what was then known as the Marine band, and he soon became leader of the little organization. No provision had ever been made by congress for a Marine band, so that the ten members were enlisted as fifers and drummers. They played one flute, one clarinet, one French horn, two trombones, one bugle, one bass drum, one kettle drum and one pair of cymbals. That was the miserable nucleus out of which Scala developed the national musical organization which has achieved so much of fame during the past 30 years. The congress never gave any encouragement to his work, either."

"Do you know how many years it has been customary for the Marine band to give public concerts in the white house grounds? The people of this city come forth by thousands every Saturday evening during the summer season and promenade the beautiful grounds while the band plays, but they do not know to whom they are indebted for that custom. Francis Scala inaugurated these public recitals during President Tyler's administration. The first grand public recognition of the existence of the band was in March, 1845, when Scala led the procession at the inauguration of President Polk. Ever since then the Marine band has held the right of line on all such occasions. The great feature of that day was the playing of a cornet by Scala; an instrument which he had purchased on credit with long time for payment."

"During the brief time that Gen. Taylor was president, he inaugurated



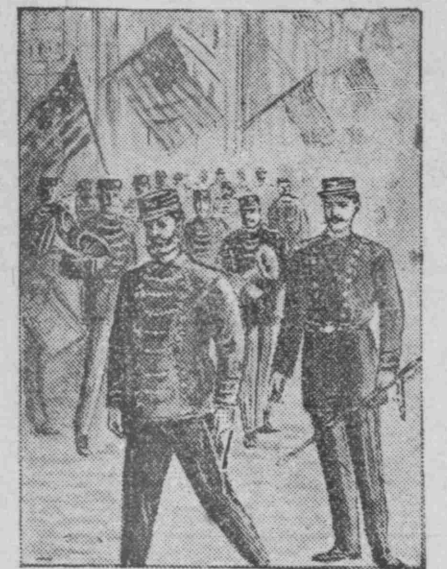
THE ORIGINAL MARINE BAND.

the custom of having the Marine band play at public receptions. In those days the public receptions were not attended by so many people, because the population of Washington was small. Gen. Taylor would send word to Scala to bring a piano player and a couple of reed instrument players as accompanists; and that small coterie would make enough music in the great east room to satisfy and gratify the president's guests, whereas nowadays naught but the grand orchestration of the big band will satisfy public expectancy and demand."

"During the Fillmore administration Scala's Marine band performed a public function which added greatly to its fame. Louis Kossuth, the famous Hungarian patriot, came to Washington and was received by a procession with Scala's band at the right of line. There were then 16 pieces, and they played so well that the newspapers gave room for considerable comment, partly because the courtly Kossuth complimented the band and personally spoke to Scala,

thanking him for the playing of national airs. Still there was not much fame coming to the patient founder of the band until Buchanan's inauguration. Scala's band on that occasion played a march of his own composition which he dedicated to Miss Harriet Lane, who presided over the social functions of her uncle's administration. That march had a large sale, for those days, and Scala's fame enlarged."

"Scala told me that Miss Harriet Lane keenly realized the advantage of good music and extended her aid to the band in many ways. It was by reason of her patronage that the band membership was increased to 25; that being the number at Lincoln's first inauguration. During that administration the prince of Wales



ORDERED OUT OF PARADE.

came to this country, and was received with great formality in the little capital city of the young republic. Miss Lane required Scala to come to the white house every morning during the visit of the prince, and arrange with her the music for each day. When Buchanan and a distinguished party accompanied the prince to the tomb of Washington at Mount Vernon, Scala's band accompanied them, and while at the tomb the band played a dirge which Scala had written for the occasion. The prince was so impressed with the original music that he sent the duke of Newcastle for a copy of the dirge. It was forwarded to the queen, was played before her majesty, and became popular in Europe."

"Thus, during Buchanan's administration the band grew and the bandmaster's reputation was enhanced. But still the musicians were enlisted as fifers and drummers as they had been for so many years. It was known as 'Scala's band,' and might have been known by that designation as long as the leader lived, or even longer. But the ambitious leader did not care so much for the perpetuation of his name and fame as he did for the permanent organization of a national band, and it was he who insisted upon having it always officially designated as the Marine band."

"The last march composed by Scala and publicly performed by his band was rendered in the new treasury department building on March 4, 1869, when Grant was first inaugurated. The general and his wife were both pleased with it, and its popularity lasted for a number of years. The band had then grown to proper proportions, and there were many musical men ambitious for the leadership. They sowed dissensions in the band, annoyed Scala, irritated him, accused him of lack of discipline, and made him so angry and irritated that he said and did things alleged to be insubordinate. Finally, in a moment of anger, Scala wrote his resignation, in December, 1871, and retired from the leadership of the band for whose development he had toiled for 30 years. He said: 'Republicans are ungrateful to the makers of their melodies.' In later years he said: 'I sometimes wish that I had allowed it to continue to be called Scala's band.'"

"I have since seen the band grow unto approximate perfection," continued Mr. Egan. "Sousa worked hard, very faithfully and successfully to that end. But he left the band in an unhappy frame of mind, just as Scala did, feeling that his services were not appreciated. Sousa and his friends for several years besieged the congress to enact a law making him a lieutenant in the navy; but to no avail. He remained an enlisted man, designated to the leadership, and hence had no real military authority over the band. His successor, Fanciuelli, spent five years endeavoring to keep the band up to the high mark which Scala had set for it, but gradually retired at the end of his period of enlistment. During McKinley's first inauguration, a lieutenant of marines dictated to Fanciuelli what music should be played. Inasmuch as Fanciuelli had drilled his band on a particular programme for that occasion, he declined to obey the orders of a lieutenant. Being only an enlisted private, he was ordered out of the parade, sent to the barracks in disgrace, and came near being dishonorably discharged. It is no wonder that he was glad to be rid of such environments."

"The present leader of the Marine band is Prof. Santelmann, who was leader of the band at the Annapolis naval academy, declined the leadership until he was assured of complete leadership and authority over the band. Under existing circumstances, he is able to do well and is doing well. The band is a credit to the republic, and will increase in value and popularity. But it will be a long time, if ever, before dear old Scala receives a monument or other token of appreciation of his services as founder of the marine band."

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